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1. O.B. Border Guard District (or Sector) Headquarters

The district headquarters of the AVH Border Guards [redacted] is housed in a former cavalry barracks at Rakoczi ut of Zalaegerszeg.

a. The Staff.

The commanding officer of the Zalaegerszeg district is Lt. Col. János Mázi. The composition of his staff, which can be considered as typical, is as follows:

- 11 Assistant Commanding Officer
- 11 Political Officer
 - 1 Assistant
 - 1 Officer (referent) in charge of border traffic
 - 1 Officer (referent) in charge of a communications section, with 12 soldiers in it
- 1 Finance officer
 - 2 Officers in charge of arms and ammunition
 - 3 Armorer with the rank of officers
 - 1 Quartermaster Officer
 - 1 Athletic instructor
 - 1 Mechanic for motor vehicles
- 25 Drivers
- 10 Grooms
- 9 Laborers
- 3 Cooks
- 8 Clerks
- 4 Medical officers

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1 Investigation officer in charge of 3 men
 1 Cultural group consisting of 10 musicians and actors
 2 Club directors
 1 Adviser, a Soviet General Staff Officer.

As a general rule, the district headquarters staff consists of 25 officers and 100 enlisted men. Staff personnel has the following means of transportation available to them: 3 passenger cars, 6 jeeps, 11 trucks, 2 motorcycles, and 10 horses. This estimate includes the pioneer teams which will be discussed below.

Each district is in charge of 3 AVH border guard battalions and in turn each battalion commands 4-7 companies. Each district headquarters has also under its immediate command a training company, a reserve company, and teams of pioneers.

b. The Pioneer Teams.

Directly subordinate to the district headquarters are 12 pioneer teams with 6 men in each team. It is the responsibility of these teams to inspect at regular intervals the mines already laid and the alarm system within the district area. Furthermore, they are to maintain in proper repair, watchtowers, wire entanglements, etc.

c. The Training Company.

The training company is made up as follows:

Company commander, assistant company commander, political officer, 2 clerks, 1 first sergeant, 4 platoons of trainees. Each platoon consists of 5 squads with 12 men in each, and each platoon has 6 instructors. The platoons are commanded by officers.

The trainees of this company receive basic infantry training including instructions in the handling of both the light and the heavy machine guns. Concurrently they also receive theoretical instruction and practical demonstration on border guard duties. They get intensive instruction on the range: they fire rifles, machine guns, hand grenades, anti-tank guns, etc.

d. The Reserve Company.

The reserve company is made up of the following:

1 company commander, 1 clerk, 1 first sergeant; 3 squads of riflemen, with 12 men in each, 2 squads of 12 men in each, armed with submachine guns.

The reserve company attached to the district headquarters and the reserve platoons attached to the battalions guard the barracks and supply the replacements in case of illness or other absences from duty in the regular units. Whenever there is a frontier incident, the reserve squads are immediately dispatched as reinforcements to the trouble spot by truck.

2. O.B. Border Guard Battalion

a. Staff and Headquarters Units.

The headquarters staff of an AVH border guards battalion consist of the following:

1 Battalion commander, 1 Assistant battalion commander, 1 Battalion political officer, 1 Assistant battalion political officer, 1 Battalion training officer, 1 Battalion medical officer, and 1 Finance officer. The troop personnel consist of a Reserve platoon of one officer and 30 men; 1 frontier group consisting of a commanding officer and about 50 men.

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The reserve platoon and the frontier group are housed separately from the companies. The members of these two components often wear civilian clothes and their task includes keeping an eye on the patrols sent out by the companies.

b. The Companies.

1) Personnel: Each battalion has from 4 to 7 companies, made up as follows:

- 1 Company commander (who may also be a noncommissioned officer)
- 1 Political officer
- 1 Training officer
- 1 Accountant
- 1 Party secretary (who always belongs to the frontier group, see above)
- 1 Clerk
- 1 Cook
- 1 Telegraph operator
- 1 Nurse
- 3 Members of the inspection group
- 1 Storekeeper
- 4 Grooms

About 50 or 60 enlisted men.

2) Weapons:

- About 30 rifles
- 30 submachine guns
- 8 pistols
- 3 light machine guns
- 2 heavy Maxim machine guns
- 3 automatic rifles with clips containing 10 rounds and with telescopic sights.
- Two 52 mm. mortars
- 220 hand grenades with handles
- 100 egg-shaped hand grenades
- 15 flare pistols
- 8 pairs of binoculars
- 200 alarm rockets supplied with electric wire and electric ignition.

3. Location of Border Guards Units

District Headquarters: Zalaegerszeg

Battalion headquarters: Üriszentpéter; companies at Ritkaháza, Felsőszölnök, Apatistvánfalva, Magyarszombatfa, Dávidháza, Orfalu, and Szalafő.

Battalion headquarters: Szentgotthárd; companies at Körmend, Jánosháza, Taródfa, Rábafüzes, Alsorönök, Alsoszölnök, and Gasztóny.

Battalion headquarters: Szombathely, with APO No. 0358; companies at Nárd, Bozsok, Felsőcsatár, Porncapati, Bucsu, Szentpéterfa, and Pinkamindszent.

District Headquarters: Nagykanizsa, with APO No. 0113.

Battalion headquarters: Lenti; companies at Rédics, Nemesnep, Murakeresztur, Lendvaújfalu, and Bodaháza.

Battalion headquarters: Gyékényes; companies at Zákány, Gyékényes, Belezna, Berzence, and Somogyudvarhely.

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Battalion headquarters: Barcs; companies at Drávaszentes, Drávatamási, Babocsa, and Szentborbás.

District headquarters: Pécs [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Battalion headquarters: Németboly; companies at Majs, Lippo, Udvar, Ivándárda, and Nyrada (sic).

Battalion headquarters: Siklós; companies at Iván Malakapuszta (sic); Drávaszabolcs, Drávaszentmárton, and Beremend.

Battalion headquarters: Sellye; companies at Tótfalva, Drávafok, Felsőszentmárton, Zaláta, and Vejti.

District headquarters: Kiskunhalas [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Battalion headquarters: Kiskundorozsma; companies at Nagyszekos (sic); Röszke, Kissot (sic) and Kiskundorozsma.

Battalion headquarters: Melykút; companies at Kunbaja, Kelebia, Bácsalmás, and Csikéria.

Battalion headquarters: Katymár; companies at Hercegszántó, Gara, Katymár, and Madaras.

District headquarters: Szeged [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Battalion headquarters: Gyula; companies at Dombegyháza, Kevermes, Elek, and Gyulavári.

Battalion headquarters: Mezőhegyes; companies at Nagylak, Nadpalota (sic) Mezőhegyes, and Battanya.

Battalion headquarters: Makó; companies at Várostanya, Ujszentistván, Deszk, Kiszombor, and Magyarcsanád.

District headquarters: Berettyóújfalu

Battalion headquarters: Sarkad; companies at Sarkad, Kötegyán, Měhkerék, and Geszt.

Battalion headquarters: Nagyléta; companies at Nagykereki, Pocsaj, Nagyléta, Álmosd, and Bagamér.

Battalion headquarters: Biharkezesztes; companies at Biharugra, Körösszegapáti, Berekbösziromény, and Ártánd.

District headquarters: Nyíregyháza.

Battalion headquarters: Kisvárda; companies at Csaroda, Lonya, Mándok, and Záhony (2 companies).

Battalion headquarters: Mátészalka; companies at Csengér, Nagyerc, Gacsaly, Měhtelek, and Tiszabecs.

Battalion headquarters: Nyírbátor; companies at Nyirábrány, Penészlek, Nyírbéltek, and Mérk.

District headquarters: Szerencs.

Battalion headquarters: Hidasnemeti; companies at Krasznokvajda, Buzita, Szemere, Hernádpetri, and Hidasnemeti.

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Battalion headquarters: Füzérradvány; companies at Pusztaijalu, Hollóháza, Pusztaujfalu, Füzérradvány, and Mikéháza.

Battalion headquarters: Sárospatak; companies at Sátoraljaújhely, Karos, Páczin, Ricse, and Zemplénagárd.

District headquarters: Miskolc.

Battalion headquarters: Tornanádaska; companies at Hidvégardó, Bodvaszilas, Szin, and Jósvafő.

Battalion headquarters: Aggtelek; companies at Aggtelek, Trizs, Szuháfo, and Kelemér.

Battalion headquarters: Bánréve; companies at Bánréve, Uraj, Felsőhangony, Kissikátor, and Domaháza.

District headquarters: Balassagyarmat.

Battalion headquarters: Drégelypalánk; companies at Szob, Letkés, Vámosmikola, Drégelypalánk, and Berencebaráti.

Battalion headquarters: Szécsény; companies at Hagyag, Ludány, Négrádszakál, and Szécsény.

Battalion headquarters: Somoskőujfalu; companies at Zagyvaróna, Zabar, and Somoskőujfalu.

District headquarters: Györ

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Battalion headquarters: Magyaróvár; companies at Süttör, Mosonszolnok, Mosonszent-János, Osli, and Albertkármárpuszta.

Battalion headquarters: Györ; companies at Hegyeshalom, Dunakiliti, Püski, Ásvány, and Nagybajcs.

Battalion headquarters: Komárom; companies at Nyergesujfalu, Esztergom, Piszke, Almásfüzitő, Dunaalmás, Gonza, and Komárom.

District headquarters: Csorna

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Battalion headquarters: Kőszeg; companies at Sopronkövesd, Zsíra, Horvátsidány, Hormanforrás, and Hetforrás.

Battalion headquarters: Sopron (West); companies at Balf, Hidegkút, Eszterháza, Sarkod, and Hegykő.

Battalion headquarters: Sopron (North); companies at Fertőrákos, Agfalva, Brennbergbánya, Harka, and Nagycenk.

4. The following classes are now serving with the Border Guards:

1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931 (volunteer).

5. Duties of the Border Guards in the Event of War.

In the event of war, the border guard battalions located in the zone of operations will be formed into infantry regiments, which in turn will be placed under the command of divisions, in the active areas. Should the enemy occupy the zone normally controlled by 3 district headquarters, then the border guards in this particular zone will form a reserve infantry division.

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